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COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR A SUPPLIER  
INTERFACE IN A SUPPLY  
CHAIN MANAGEMENT  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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This communication is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: